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**MOUNT ROYAL, NEW JERSEY MAN SENTENCED TO
TEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR EIGHT BANK ROBBERIES**

CAMDEN, N.J. – A Mount Royal, N.J., man was sentenced today to 120 months in prison for committing eight bank robberies between September 19, 2008, and September 25, 2009, U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Brian Layton, 49, previously pleaded guilty to an eight-count Information charging him with robberies occurring in Wilmington, Del., and four New Jersey counties. He entered his guilty plea before United States District Judge Jerome B. Simandle, who also imposed the sentence today in Camden federal court.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court:

Layton admitted that he robbed the following banks:

COUNT	DATE	BANK LOCATION	AMOUNT TAKEN
1	September 19, 2008	WSFS Bank, Wilmington, Del.	\$2,102
2	October 10, 2008	TD Banknorth, Blackwood, N.J.	\$3,550
3	December 22, 2008	Sun National Bank, Glendora, N.J.	\$4,606
4	February 2, 2009	TD Bank, Hi-Nella, N.J.	\$2,749
5	March 23, 2009	Newfield National Bank, Franklin, N.J.	\$8,548
6	May 15, 2009	The Bank, Carneys Point, N.J.	\$20,400
7	July 28, 2009	Sturdy Bank, Ocean City, N.J.	\$3,829
8	September 25, 2009	The Bank, Carneys Point, N.J.	\$12,148

During the robberies, Layton approached tellers in the banks and demanded money before fleeing on a bicycle. During the final September 25, 2009, robbery, Layton was armed with a pellet gun.

Layton was apprehended on September 25, 2009, after he fled from a New Jersey State Trooper on the Garden State Parkway. While fleeing, Layton threw away a backpack which contained approximately \$12,106, most of the proceeds of the September 25, 2009 robbery.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Simandle ordered Layton to serve three years of supervised release and to pay restitution in the amount of \$43,724 to the banks he robbed.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited special agents of the FBI, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge George Venizelos in Philadelphia and Special Agent in Charge Michael B. Ward in Newark, and the New Jersey State Police, under the direction of Superintendent Colonel Rick Fuentes, for the investigation leading to today's sentence.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew J. Skahill of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Camden.

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